(b) Does not arae-

(c) The mutter is under finalisation.

Power theft

1935. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have nude any assessment of power theft in diffe rent States during the las* one rear, I so, the value of the electricity stolen;

(b) the measures Government have taken/propose to take to check power thefts;

(c) whether World Bank has also drawn Government's attetnion towards this State of affairs; and

(c) if so. Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)- (a) No, Sir. State Governments/SIBBs make assessment in the their respective states.

(b) Comprehensive guidelines have been issued by Central Electricity Autartf to the Power Utilities for reductase Transmission and Distribution losses. These include measures for reducing power theft vis-a-vis installing tamper-■roof meter taxes, intensifying surprise raids and launching prosecution against tat persons found indulging in theft of energy. The tbeft of energy ha* been made a cognizable offence from August, 1986 under the provisions of Section 39 of Indian Electricity Act, 1910. An Incentive Scheme was also introduced by the Government of India amnog the 'State Electricity Boards, Electricity Departmnts etc from the year 1987 for bringing about reduction in the Transmission & Distribution losses.

(c) No, Sir.

1 (b) In view of (c) above, question dose not arise.

Panadharo Lignite Power Plant

1036. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN; Will the Mini- ster of POWER be pleased to stats*

(a) the al quantum of power goesrated by the Panadharo Lignite Power Plant in Kutch district of Gujarat dur ing as h of last three years.

(b) wheher the total quantum of power generated was sufficient for Gujarat and Maharashtra.

(c) whether some foreign countries and NRIs are seeking investment in the Lignite Power project to boost its power generating capacity;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the reaction of Government there-to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU)- (a The Quantum of power generated by Panadharo lignite power Plant or Kutch district of Gujarat State during last three years is as given below:—

Year	Energy Generated (MU)
1991-92 . . .	424
1992-93 . . .	557
1993-94 . . .	668

(b) Paring the years 1991-92 93 &1993-94, power supply'" position in Gujarat and .Maharashtra is given as under;—

(Figures in MU net)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Gujarat :			
Requirement	25505	26500	29860
Availability	24417	25712	28302
Shortage	1088	788	1358
%	4.3	3.0	4.5
All India %Shortage	7.8	8.3	7.3
Maharashtra			
Requirement	42070	43970	44895
Availability	40166	41387	43314
Shortage	1904	2583	1381
%	4.5	5.9	3.1
All India % Shortage	7.8	9.3	7.3

(c) to (e) Gujarat *Power* Corporai- jng Ltd. have invited offers for setting Lip of 3 Lignite based thermal power stations at Mangrol in Surat District, Ghoga in Bhavnagar District Akirimota "in Kutch District in the private .sector. companies ihavjs *r.* slHJwn their interest" to' set up these'! projects.

Received norms for, private sector power; projects

1037. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHJNANDAN JAIN:: Will the Mini-"V.?r of POWER be pleased to state:

., (a), whether the Union Govern njent . have revised the depreciation operation and, .mainteance norms for,,jr;riyate sec-._ tor power projects;

(b) 'the proposed rate of depreciation; for thermal projects and coal based thermal power projects for debt redem ption;

(c) the details of norms laid down by Government to restrict the return on equity and O & M expenditure of the contract coast; and

(d) the . measures taken by *Gover*-mam to promote additional investments in the power sector.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rates of depreciation for different assets vary according .10... the type of the asset and its life.

(c) Tile return on equlty have been fixed at 16 -per cent .normaltve operating leyel of 68.5, per,.cent PLF with anjn--centiyg of upto 0.7 per cent exla-a'Re.-.. turn on Equity, for each 1 per cent increase in PLF over-(his. normative PLF of-*6S.5* per cent O *&* M expenditure for. the first * ;full year after c,om- .missioning of the plant *is to* be calcu-.lattd as a percentage of the actual capital expenditure cm the basis of one of the following alternatives viz: (i) at 2per cent of the actual expenditure nrovfd"d in the PPA or (ii0 or ceiling on actual, expenditure or ceiling on capital expenditure provided in